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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: 
Sheryl L. Spiller, Director

**SUBJECT: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE EXPRESS LANE ENROLLMENT PROJECT (ITEM NO. 2,
JUNE 4, 2014)**

This is to provide you with our monthly status report on the Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) progress in implementing the Express Lane Project to provide Medi-Cal coverage to CalFresh participants. Below is a summary of our outreach efforts and data on the number of enrollments.

On June 4, 2014, on a motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, the Board instructed the Director of DPSS to fully implement the Express Lane streamlined eligibility process described in the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All County Welfare Directors Letter and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services Guidance. DPSS was instructed to report back to the Board in writing within 60 days and monthly thereafter.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

As of September 30, 2014, according to DHCS, 25,392 CalFresh participants were enrolled in Express Lane Medi-Cal (ELMC) in Los Angeles County. Please note that the number of CalFresh participants enrolled in ELMC changes each month; individuals exit when they are approved for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medi-Cal or when their CalFresh case is closed. Therefore, some CalFresh participants identified in our previous status report may no longer be enrolled in ELMC, but may continue to have Medi-Cal coverage.

DPSS continues to implement the outreach strategies described in our September 4, 2014 memo: 1) offer eligible participants the opportunity to opt-in during every point of contact, particularly during their CalFresh recertification interviews; and 2)

conduct telephone outreach to individuals who are potentially eligible encouraging them to opt-in during that phone call. We also continue to assess potential new strategies to outreach to ELMC-eligible individuals.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

LEADER changes to track and monitor the 12-month eligibility period for Express Lane recipients is still on track for October 2014 implementation. Until automation is implemented, all activity is being tracked manually and is entered directly into the State's MEDS system.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (562) 908-8383, or your staff may contact Jose R. Perez, Chief In-Charge, at (562) 908-8633, or via email at joseperez@dpss.lacounty.gov.

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